

SPORTING NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

TRIS HOLDS LEAD

His Teammates Also Way Up in the Batting Column.

Burns of N. Y. Leads National League Swatters.

Chicago, May 25.—Cleveland batters are setting a merry pace for 300 hits in the American league. Unofficial averages released today show three of the team—Speaker, Wambsgans and Chapman—up in the race. Speaker leading the league with an average of .430. The figures include games of last Wednesday.

Chapman also is showing the way to base stealers and sacrifice hitters. He has stolen thirteen bases, as against seven for Cobb, and has made seven sacrifices. Weaver, Chicago, leads in runs scored with 25.

Bodie, Philadelphia, and Pipp, New York, are fighting it out for home runs, with two each. New York leads in club batting with 250.

Leading pitchers who have played in fifteen or more games, following: Speaker, Cleveland, .319; Wambsgans, Cleveland, .328; Hendrix, New York, .327; Miller, St. Louis, .320; Walker, Boston, .312; St. Louis, .317; Cobb, Detroit, .315; Chapman, Cleveland, .314; Melvin, Philadelphia, .309.

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STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

National League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	20	10	.667
Chicago	19	11	.633
New York	18	12	.600
St. Louis	17	13	.565
Brooklyn	16	14	.533
Cleveland	15	15	.500
Boston	14	16	.467
Pittsburgh	13	17	.433

American League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	21	10	.677
Chicago	20	11	.645
New York	19	12	.611
Cleveland	18	13	.577
Washington	17	14	.548
St. Louis	16	15	.514
Detroit	15	16	.481
Philadelphia	14	17	.447

American Association.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Indianapolis	20	8	.784
St. Paul	19	9	.682
St. Louis	18	10	.645
St. Paul	17	11	.607
St. Paul	16	12	.570
St. Paul	15	13	.533
St. Paul	14	14	.500
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Western League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Des Moines	18	10	.643
Omaha	17	11	.607
Sioux City	16	12	.570
Lincoln	15	13	.533
Joplin	14	14	.500
St. Joseph	13	15	.467
Omaha	12	16	.433
Omaha	11	17	.396

Pa. Rourke's Athletics Are Leading W. L. in Offensive Playing.

Omaha pitchers lead the Western league in every aspect of the offensive part of the game, according to figures published today and which include games of last Tuesday. The team is batting .389, twelve points ahead of Sioux City, its nearest rival.

St. Smith, Omaha, tops the list of the league with an average of .414 for fifteen or more games and also is tied with Butcher, Denver, for home runs, with four each.

Thompson, Omaha, is first among the base stealers with 17 and Krus, pitcher of "Star" Rourke's family, has the most sacrifice hits—twelve.

Leading pitchers are: E. Smith, Omaha, .414; Bradley, Omaha, .389; Schick, Omaha, .375; Crowley, Sioux City, .351; Jones, Wichita, .348; Connelly, Sioux City, .342; Horan, Joplin, .337; Rober, Sioux City, .330; Butler, Lincoln, .326; Yarrow, Wichita, .321; Coss, Des Moines, .321.

Leading pitchers rated according to earned runs who have played in six or more games are:

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CUBS ARE LUCKY

Have Manager Who Knows Baseball Game Thoroughly.

And He Expects His Men To Do Great Things.

BY JACK VELOCK.

New York, May 26.—The smart brand of baseball and the fighting spirit of the 1917 Cubs are tributes to the managerial ability of Fred Mitchell.

The iron jaw and forceful character of the new Chicago pilot are reflected in the playing of his team—reflected so strongly that for the first time in years the Cubs are feared and respected by every club in the National league.

That Mitchell will be able to steer the Cubs into a championship his first year out is doubtful in the face of some very strong opposition, but a pennant race is much the same as a game of balls there is always a chance for an upset until the schedule is played out, just as there is always a chance for a ninth-inning rally.

He Has Confidence.

When Mitchell took charge of the Cubs he knew it was up to him to rebuild them. The day he was named manager he said:

"I know most of the Cub players and I believe I know what they can do. I think I have the nucleus for a winning club, but it may take time to construct a winner. But if the players will give me their best, I am confident that I will be able to get results."

Mitchell is getting results. He is teaching the Cubs new tricks and they are giving him their best in every game. The snap and ginger of their playing are good to see, and they are never beaten until the last man is out in the ninth. Such a ball club is bound to be a factor in any pennant race.

Always a hard plunger, Mitchell believes that the ball player or the ball club that keeps hammering away will eventually wear down all obstacles in its path. As a player he had a hard row to hoe, for he was sent back to the minor leagues no less than four times before he finally landed a regular berth. Yet he never quit trying, and his plugging landed him at the top of the ladder.

Knows Inside Baseball.

Playing under such managers as Jimmy Collins, Hugh Duffy, John Gammel, Joe Kelley and George Stallings, Mitchell has studied the inside of baseball from the field, the bench, and the coaching lines for years. He got his start in a New Brunswick league, as a pitcher, and Larry McLean was his catcher in those days. Hugh Duffy, who was scouting for Boston in 1901, landed both players, and both eventually made good, though they were separated soon after coming to the majors.

Mitchell stuck to pitching until a arm gave out, but he was too smart, a player to be discarded on this account, and was played in the outfield. Finally he tried catching, and once again he filled the bill. He wound up his major league career as a catcher.

Having played almost every position on a ball club, Mitchell knows much about all of them. On the field he is forceful and a strict disciplinarian. He knows what each of his players is capable of doing, and he expects the best in every game. That he gets the best is a tribute to his wisdom of strategy.

It is good to see Mitchell at the helm in Chicago. It is good to see the Cubs back to life. It means much to the National League.

Food for Fans

BY GEO. E. PHAIR.

(Copyright.)

There is considerable agitation these days in baseball circles about the bean that doesn't hit any boiler coming from P. Bodie or H. Zim.

With baseball costing \$2.25 apiece, we cannot understand why a club owner will risk a pitcher to risk one against a batter's home.

Without the slightest fuss the Western Golf Association has eliminated the stymie. But it would be a tough job to eliminate the stymie hole.

Strategic Victory.

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"We didn't lose today," said he. "It was a rain-out."

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FAST KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TEAM



Above is the complete roster of the Knights of Columbus team that will meet the Topeka Greys tomorrow afternoon at Western league park. The K. of C. team will play Evans' All Nations here June 10, the Elks June 17, and St. Marys June 24. The members of the team shown in the picture above are:

Reading from left to right, front row—J. T. Brennan, mgr., Michael Birmingham, Joe Navarro, Joe Marshall, John Gannon, John Higgins and Joe Embleau. Back row—Capt. LeRoy Stack, Dr. Crook, Francis Pipes, Emmett Dougherty, Gerald Wall and Joe Lannan.

Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

The Lucky Guy.

Oh, why should I have to bother about conscription day? The players will give me their best. I am confident that I will be able to get results."

As usual, many men who will be caught by the draft will wish they had responded to the call of duty. But they are never beaten until the last man is out in the ninth. Such a ball club is bound to be a factor in any pennant race.

Interest in the Elks-Knights of Columbus championship game seems to be growing, and supporters of both teams claim that the contest will be the most eagerly awaited exhibition staged in Topeka since Bill Happs pitched with wildness on.

Monday night Freddie Welsh will meet the best lightweight in America when he goes up against Benny Leonard and every other light contender who is looking for a heart break he will never forget. But it will be a hard job in 30 rounds.

Welsh and Leonard have met twice before. The first time Welsh considered his opponent lightly and did not train with the result that he was given the surprise of his life and took a sound thrashing. As a pitcher, and Larry McLean was his catcher in those days. Hugh Duffy, who was scouting for Boston in 1901, landed both players, and both eventually made good, though they were separated soon after coming to the majors.

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TO REVIVE SPORT

Deans of Many Universities Think Discontinuance Mistake.

University of Pennsylvania Takes Lead in Revival.

BY H. C. HAMILTON.

New York, May 24.—Following the discontinuance of athletics in nearly every college and university of prominence in the country, heads of representative schools today indicated a change of sentiment, and favor resumption of sports.

In response to queries dozens of colleges and universities in every section of the country, have replied, with only a few exceptions, that they believe abandonment of athletics is a mistake. These questions were asked of the deans:

"Do you believe athletics in the universities and colleges in this country should be resumed after the first draft for troops is completed?"

"Do you believe athletic training is helpful to military training?"

The first question received a chorus of "yeses."

The second question received even more replies in the affirmative.

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